THE NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE AND LTS CAPITAL

NORTH CAROLINA **NEWS LETTER**

The Legislature Repeals All Election Laws.

A FORTHCOMING NEW LAW.

Well Drawn Bill - Date of Election Changed-The Peuttentiary Still n Object of Absorbing Interest-Murderers - Opposition to Proposed Corporation Tax-From Other Parts of the State.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 31.-The Legisla-Thursday night the Democratic caucus take up the new law, prepared with great care by Senator Glenn and Representatives Stubbs and Winston, and Democratic State Chairman Sim-mons. To-day each committeeman was given a draft of the new law. It is very different from any former laws. As expected, it restores the old date of elections the first Thursday in August. This is done to prevent Federal interference at elections by disassociating the latter from the Congressional elections. It also names August 1900 as the date for the first election. The State Board of Elections is not composed as formerly. Then it was of State officers and was only a canvassing board.

Now it has greater power. It is to meet in April on each election year, and it is to be composed of five discreet persons. The county elections boards ons. The county elections boards also a new creation. The bill is drawn. It is very comprehensive. PENITENTIARY TROUBLE.

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The penitentiary continues to engross quite a large share of public attention. Your correspondent endeavored to ascertain whether W. H. Day, 'Gov. Russell's latest appointee as superintendant, intends to step down and out February 10, when the Democrats take charge. Capt. Day said: "I have told no one what I will do. I have not said I would resist the action of the Legislature. No man knows what I will do. The penitentiary managed by anybody under the new law will be a failure. The Legislative Committee of Inquiry has done its work well, but it has failed to look into the treatment of convicts. It is well recognized that the new law is not satisfactory and impracticable, and that if when the new Board of Directors meets I step down and out and surrender, the Legislature will make a decent law."

TWO MURDERERS. TWO MURDERERS,

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There are two negroes charged with murder in jail here for safe-keeping. One is from Faston, the other is from Johnston. The latter was in the cell with Booker the negro who was hanged and leaping out of a window, saw Booker hanged. He did not intend to see the hanging. It has totally unreved him. He has always feared lynching and sleeps only a short while ear night. He says his dreams are all of lynchers.

A bill is introduced in the Legislature to charter the Oriental Insurance Company, of Asheville, capital, \$200,000. OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED TAX.

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OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED TAX. There is a strong fight against the proposition to levy a corporation tax. It is an extension of the idea of taxation of gross carnings of insurance companies, and its main purpose is to relieve the railways. The tax on merchants' purchases now yields about \$86,000 a year, and that on corporations would yield over four times that sum, and permit the dropping of the purchase act, which is certainly odious to the merchants.

TWO DEMOCRATS SEATED

PURE FOOD BILL.

A bill was passed to protect the public from food adulterations. It imposes a heavy penalty for adulteration unless food is branded as not pure.

The whiskey dispensary for Bladen county was abolished, it being stated that the people were a unit in opposing its continuance.

A bill was introduced incorporating the North and South Carolina railway, from some point in Person county, on the Virginia line, to a point on the South Carolina line, to under the south Carolina line, to a point on the South Carolina line, in Union, Anson, or Richmond county.

EDENTON.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Edenton, N. C., Jan. 31.-Major John C. Bond is confined to his room, a victim of the grip. After spending several days with her

parents in the county, Mrs. W. R. Brothers returned home yesterday.

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Several delegates and visitors to the Union meeting of Hertford, passed through here yesterday en route to their homes, the meeting having adjourned Sunday.

The seine fishermen are quite busy getting ready for the approaching season's work, likewise the pound netters.

Mr. James D. Bateman is at home after a month's absence on the road.

The streets and sidewalks are quite muddy as a result of the recent snow and rain.

HERTFORD.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot. Hertford, N. C., Jan. 31.-Rev. Lundy R. Wright, of Norfolk, who preached several sermons at the Baptist Church last week during the Union meeting, re-

turned home yesterday with the best wishes of our people. Professor Scarborough, of Murfrees-boro, and Mr. Cadelle, of the News and Observer, left for their respective days. 100-page book free.

homes yesterday after a visit to our town, during the Union meeting. Mrs. Carleton, State President of the W. C. T. U., addressed the ladies of the society at their meeting yesterday afternoon

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Mr. Guy Newby leaves to-morrow for Poughkeepsic, N. Y. The best wishes of the people go with him.

DURHAM.

TWO ELDERLY LADIES BURNED TO DEATH.

Durham, N. C., Jan. 31.—Early yesterday morning two aged white ladies, Misses Nancy and Polly Corden, were burned to death at their home about four miles from this city. They lived alone and no one knows how the fire alone and no one knows how the fire originated. Soon after day light Luke Rigsbee, a negro, saw flames issuing from the house occupied by the Carden women, and gave the alarm. When he reached the house the roof was failing in and the skeletons of the two women were found after the house had burned. Nancy Carden, who was \$1 years of age, had been sick for several weeks and her sister, 65 years old, was the only attendant she had. The two women had occupied the house in which they were burned for the past 20 years or more, and are not known to have had an enemy. The only suspicious circumstances connected with the burning is a statement made by the negro Rigsbee, who says the fire originated in the end of the house opposite the chimney and fire place. The case is being investigated by the coroner.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Halifax, N. C., Jan. 31.-About nine inches of snow fell Saturday, but it is melting very fast.

Peanuts are still going higher, and are worth 77 cents here. Lots of them have been sold here this season.

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A lady passed here yesterday in a horse car. She said she was on her way to Klondike. She will have a cold trip.

Mrs. Florence Faucett has been visiting friends and relatives in Wilmington for some time, and to the delight of her many friends here, she will soon return home.

Messrs. W. A. Willeox and W. D. Willeox spent one day with Mr. Louis Summerili, in Northampton county last week.

Captain Bill Day will be here on a visit in a day or two.

ELIZABETH CITY

A Newsy Budget From Pasquotank's Metropolis.

verted Into the Worth Bagiey Memorial Hatt - Notes Personal and General,

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Jan. 31.-Mrs. ing the Disciples Union meeting at Currituck, N. C., arrived home to-day. Mr. Theo. Perry, of Norfolk, after a very pleasant visit here and in the

county, returned home yesterday. Rev. P. S. C. Davis left yesterday for Frederickstown, N. J., to participate in a Union meeting that is being conducted there. He will be absent two

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Among the heaviest losers in the recent fire here was the furniture installment men, Mr. J. A. Burgess losing a \$55 Singer sewing machine.

A good many country people are having their cotton ginned in this place, they being satisfied that the price will not advance to a higher figure.

Mr. J. R. Robinson has accepted a position with T. L. Winder & Co.

THE NAVAL BAZAAR

TWO DEMOCRATS SEATED.

Lambert and Eaves (Democrats) were given seats in the Senate from the Thirty-first District to-day, defeating two Republicans, Kerley and Souther.

The event of the Senate session was the discussion of the insanity laws and there was a fight which failed to strike out the provision for a department for inchriates.

A bill was introduced in the House to put the Agricultural and Mechanical College in Democratic hands by the election of eighten additional trustees. There are now nine fusion directors.

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business trip to-day.

Mr. W. R. Smith, the popular employe of W. H. Zoeller, returned also.

January, 1899, will long be remembered by the people here, it having rained two days, either in a mist or a downpour, and, to make our streets worse, it snowed eighteen hours.

HOTEL SOLD.

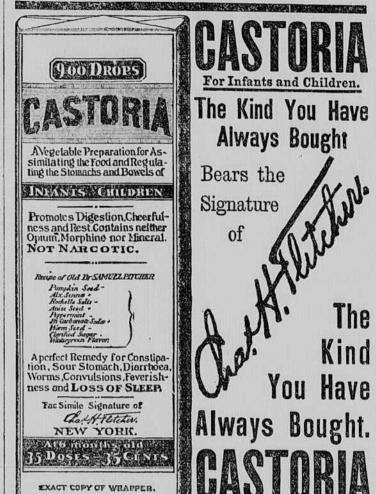
HOTEL SOLD.

Rev. J. Paul Spence yesterday purchased the old Albemarle Hotel from its owners for the sum of \$8,000. Rev. Spence will start at once to remodel the building, and after being completed it will be owened in honor of the Worth Barley Memorial Building, Rev. Spence will conduct a Baptist boarding school for the convenience of the host of pupils who attend colleges. It will be a great improvement to that part of the city. HOTEL SOLD.

Mr. Macon Bryan, of Vanceboro, who was assaulted by an unknown party on the 18th instant, died Monday from the effects of his wounds.

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